

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)REPORT TOPIC Military Information from the Ohrdruf Troop Training Grounds

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1. On 9 May 1952, a large hutment was seen in the woods on either side of the Ohrdruf (N 51/J 15)-Crawinkel road near the junction with the Crawinkel-Loelfis road. About 30 x 76.2-mm guns camouflaged with shrubbery were south of the road. Other guns, twin-tired and with long barrels, were noticed in the woods north of the road. A total of 100 low barracks buildings were noticed in the hutment. Long rows of trucks were parked on the road.

2. On 12 and 13 May, about 15 T-34 tanks and 8 x 45-mm AT guns which were being emplaced were seen in the terrain in the Wipperoda area, also called Herzberg-Heideholz. Four brick buildings and about 26 log huts, all occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and artillery insignia, were located near that area. Motor vehicle at the camp

two telephone cables being laid from the camp to Petriroda and from there to Ohrdruf.

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3. During the period from 28 April to 9 May, the old camp in Ohrdruf, the barracks installation on Arnstedter Strasse including the adjoining Stadtlager and the low barracks buildings on the Crawinkel-Ohrdruf road were occupied almost to capacity. A large number of 12-man tents were erected next to the hutment northwest of Crawinkel. The tents were occupied and 20 open camp fires in the area of this hutment. All troops there wore red-bordered black epaulets including a large number with tank insignia. The troops quartered on the eastern edge of Ohrdruf also wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia and some few with motor transport insignia. A large number of the soldiers were young recruits with closely-cropped hair. Motor vehicle observed between Altes Lager and Ohrdruf

Motor vehicles were seen on the Crawinkel-Loelfis road.

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4. On 28 April, woolen blankets were unloaded from trucks [] by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets at the supply depot of the former Helsenkeller inn in Ohrdruf.

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- * [] Comment. The bulk of the motor vehicle [] confirms the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, most of which is permanently stationed in Altes Lager, and the 20th Gds Mecz Div, which, as in 1951, is assembled for summer practices in the Crawinkel area. [] the artillery brigade of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in Gera is assumed to be in the Wipperoda area, west of Petriroda. However, this belief is not especially confirmed by the present report. [] the tanks belong to the 15th (Gds?) Tank SP Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. In addition, there are individual vehicles of the GOFU, of headquarters units of the Eighth Gds Army and the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and of the 21st Gds Mecz Div.

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